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FOR: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN
AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2001, the time for responding thereto having expired May 8, 2001, being extended by one month pursuant to the attached Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 56-58 and claims 72-73.

Please amend Claims 52, 53 and 94 as follows:

5. 52. (Amended). A method for a plurality of players to play an auxiliary game in conjunction with playing a card game with a plurality of cards, the method comprising:

providing the card game and the auxiliary game, the card game including bonus events, and the auxiliary game including a plurality of successive bonus levels, at least one from the plurality of successive bonus levels being a starting level and at least one from the plurality of successive bonus levels being a prize level for which a prize is awarded, each of the plurality of players having a player bonus level, the player bonus level being selected from the plurality of

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